

<b>NUTRITION SERVICES DIVISION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN</b>		<b>No. 01-904</b>
<b>TO:</b>	All Child Nutrition Program Sponsors County Superintendents of Schools Diocesan Superintendents of Schools	<b>ISSUE DATE:</b>  <b>July 2001</b>
<b>ATTENTION:</b>	Food Service Directors and Program Directors	
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Treatment of U.S. Armed Forces Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowances for Purposes of Determining Eligibility in the Child Nutrition Programs	
<b>REFERENCE:</b>	United States Department of Agriculture SA-9-1-2 (GEN) WR CNP Information Memo 01-07; Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act	

This Management Bulletin provides information regarding Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowances (FSSA) for U.S. Military Families. Effective June 1, 2001, the FSSA will pay certain low-income families of the U.S. Armed Forces up to \$500 per month so they will not have to rely on food stamps.

However, there is no legislative authority for excluding FSSA payments from consideration as income in Child Nutrition Programs (CNP). Therefore, to determine eligibility in all CNP, sponsoring agencies must count FSSA payments as earned income to the household.

Some military families receiving FSSA payments may remain income-eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits. Also, military families who receive food stamp benefits and FSSA payments remain categorically eligible for free meals in the CNP as food stamp recipients.

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